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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Boards of Health
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RE: **Repeal of Massachusetts General Law, chapter 71, section 55B**

We are sending this memorandum to advise you that the law requiring pre-employment tuberculosis screening of school personnel and volunteers (Massachusetts General Law, chapter 71, section 55B) was repealed on July 31, 2003. The repeal is found in Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, section 81: <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/seslaw03/sl030046.htm>

The decision to seek legislative action for repeal of this law was based upon recommendations from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to eliminate screening activities in low-risk populations and reserve priority resources for targeted testing and treatment of populations identified as high risk for acquiring tuberculosis.

Thank you for your continued support of tuberculosis control and elimination efforts.